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MARKETING SYSTEM

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the *Final Office Action* dated January 14, 1997, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant proposes amending the claims as follows for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance:

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Twice Amended). A system for demonstrating software programs to a potential purchaser of the programs and for gathering marketing information related to the demonstration of the programs, comprising:

receive means for receiving a plurality of software programs to be demonstrated;

protection means for maintaining each of the software programs in a locked state in order to prevent unauthorized